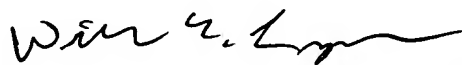


REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application. The Abstract and Claims have been amended to delete reference numbers and the Abstract has been amended to correct idiomatic errors.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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